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Indications Point to a Hard Fight Be-
tween Tariff Revisionists and
Protectionists.

Speaker Cannon, whose views are expected to have great effect on the action of the president, arrived here today and made it clear that he is opposed to tariff revision. The position of the speaker has been progressive. Like the president, he desired to wait until after the election before making a programme. More than a week ago he caused it to become known that he did not favor the idea of an extra session for the purpose of tariff revision. Now he opposes tariff revision, whether at an extra session or at the regular session. He has progressed to an attitude opposite to that of Mr. Roosevelt, who wants some schedules changed.

Senator Hale of Maine gave out an interview today in which he declared that he would oppose vigorously all revision of the tariff, and accepted the challenge of the men who wanted lower schedules. He even went so far as to say that any persistent demand for revision would be likely to make a dangerous break in the republican party.

Thus the "stand patters" have made visible gains today, and so far as can be ascertained the revisionists have lost ground. With Speaker Cannon opposing revision in the house and the protectionist members of the senate becoming more defiant, it would appear very doubtful whether any revision of the tariff were possible, either in the fifty-eighth or fifty-ninth congresses.

Famous Dam Sold.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 2.—J. C. Adams of Phoenix has sold to William Simpson of Cuba, N. Y., Lady Simpson, the dam of Sweet Marie, the trotting mare. Simpson recently bought McKinney, the sire of Sweet Marie for \$50,000.

THE WREN BUSH.

An Old Custom Still Observed in
Ireland at Christmas.

Among the many odd customs still observed in Ireland at Christmas few are more curious than the practice of carrying about "the wren bush" on St. Stephen's day, and antiquaries are puzzled to explain why the poor little "king of all birds" should be put to death on the festival of the first martyr.

The most probable explanation is that the wren was sacred to the Druids and was used by them in divination and other pagan rites at the festival of the winter solstice, which almost coincided with Christmas, and consequently the clergy urged their converts to destroy the birds which were associated with such unholy rites, just as St. Patrick's relentless destruction of the images of serpents, used in the ancient pagan worship of Ireland, gave rise to the legend that he—

Gave the snakes and toads a twist
And banished them all forever!

This seems the more likely, because "dreen," the old Irish name for "wren," also means "a Druid," and old folk still call "Jenny" the "Druid bird" and say that she has the gift of prophecy and that those who can interpret her twitterings as she hovers about a house or flies from bush to bush can read the future. In the library of Trinity college, Dublin, there is a curious document describing how to interpret the notes of the wren.—Maud E. Sargent in Longman's Magazine.

Lawyers and the Law.

I expect it'd be only a poor lawyer couldn't argue a tack, into a cow—'n' out of her again, too, fr' that matter—'n' Mr. Weskin ain't no poor lawyer. He's fine 's they make. Of course a good deal of the time no one knows what he means, but that ain't nothin' ag'in him, fr' I think with a lawyer you generally don't. It's a part of their business not to let no one know what they mean, fr' 'f law was simple no one'd ever get fooled.

It takes another lawyer to see what a lawyer is doin', anyhow. When a lawyer says anything is so to me I never take no time to disbelieve him, 'cause he'd never got to be in the law a tall if he wan't able to prove the truth of his own lyin'.—Susan Clegg and Her Friend, Mrs. Lathrop, by Anne Warner.

Not Very Crazy.

A nobleman against whom insanity was imputed by his relatives was asked during examination by Lord Loughborough, "How many legs has a sheep?"

"Does your lordship mean a live or a dead sheep?" asked the nobleman.

"Is it not the same thing?" said the chancellor.

"No, my lord, there is much difference. A live sheep has four legs, a dead sheep but two. The others are shoulders."

To Consider Himself Dead.

Mr. L., a good natured German, was the proprietor of a clothing business in a country town. He had in his employ one John S., whom he had advanced from cash boy to head clerk. Since his promotion John had several times asked for an increase of salary, and each time his request had been granted. One morning he again appeared at the old merchant's desk with another request for an increase of \$10 a month.

"Vy, Shon," said Mr. L., "I dink I bays you poety vell alretty; vat for I bays you any more?"

"Well," replied John confidently, "I am your principal help here. I know every detail of the business, and, indeed, I think that you could not get along without me."

"Is dot so? Vy, Shon, vot would I do suppose you vas to die?"

"Well, I suppose that you would have to get along without me then."

The old Teuton took several whiffs from his big pipe and finally said:

"Veil, Shon, I guess you petter consider yourself dead."

There Is a Difference.

"Yes, that is where he made a mistake," said McLean, referring to the latest act of stupidity on the part of McFarlane.

"I don't call such an action as that a mistake," replied old McCormack dictatorially; "I call it a blunder."

"Well, it's all the same thing," returned McLean.

"No, you are wrong there," was McCormack's reply. "There's a good deal of difference between a blunder and a mistake."

"I should like to know what it is," answered McLean skeptically.

"Well, suppose you went to call on some friend, put an old umbrella into the stand and took away a new one when you left, that would be a mistake; but suppose you put down a new one and brought away an old one, that would be a blunder. D'ye see?"

McLean admitted that there was a difference after all.

A New Danger.

"I see they are talking of making clothes now out of some sort of wood." "Gee whiz! Then I guess we'll find woodpeckers and squirrels in our clothes hereafter instead of moths."—Exchange.

Mean Thing.

Mrs. Ferguson—George, dear, how do you like my new hat? Mr. Ferguson—Do you want my real opinion of it, Laura? Mrs. Ferguson—No, I don't, you mean thing.—Chicago Tribune.

If one could remember when asked for advice that his friend wants only confirmation of his own judgment it would save much heartache.—Toledo Blade.

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